

## Message Text

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TAGS: CDES, CARR, SNAR, CO (WILLIAMSON, DON FREDERICK)  
SUBJ: DEATH OF U.S. CITIZEN

REF: MED 0144

1. REFTEL DETAILED INITIAL ACCOUNT BY MEDELLIN SECURITY SOURCES  
OF EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH OF U.S. PRISONER DON FREDERICK WILLIAMSON  
AND VENEZUELAN COMPANION EDGAR VISO VOLLBRACHT IN UNSUCCESSFUL  
ESCAPE ATTEMPT JUNE 7. MANY CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING ESCAPE  
ATTEMPT STILL HAZY AND LIKELY TO REMAIN SO, WITH PRISONERS DEAD  
AND NEGLIGENT GUARDS UNDER ARREST.

2. POST HAS CONTACTED ADDITIONAL SECURITY SOURCES, INCLUDING OFFICIALS  
OF REGIONAL POLICE INTELLIGENCE BRANCH (F-2) AND CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT  
OF ADMINISTRATIVE SECURITY (DAS), WHOSE PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN  
SHOOT-OUT WITH PRISONERS. THESE SOURCES SUBSTANTIALLY CONFIRM CHAIN  
OF EVENTS DESCRIBED REFTEL, WITH IMPORTANT EXCEPTION THAT REPORTS  
OF A THIRD PARTY (SUCH AS "COLOMBIAN GUNMAN WITH MATTSON SUBMACHINE  
GUN" WHO FACILITATED ESCAPE NOW APPEAR WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

3. ALSO, ACCORDING SOURCES, DEATH TOLL REPORTED REFTEL IS MUCH  
EXAGGERATED. NUMBER OF DEAD AS DIRECT RESULT OF ESCAPE ATTEMPT  
NOW LISTED OFFICIALLY AS THREE: U.S. PRISONER WILLIAMSON, VENEZUELAN  
PRISONER VISO, AND ONE POLICE AGENT OF F-2. WOUNDED (WHOSE CONDITION  
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VARIES ACCORDING TO SOURCES) ARE FOUR ADDITIONAL PERSONS: TWO  
BYSTANDERS AND TWO POLICEMEN.  
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